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SUBJECT: S&T SUBCOMMITTEE - UN OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE

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1. SUMMARY: AGENDA ITEMS 5 AND 6 DISCUSSED WITH EMPHASIS ON A POSSIBLE FUTURE INTERNATIONAL SPACE CONFERENCE AND ON A COORDINATING MECHANISM FOR SPACE INTERESTS OF UN MEMBER AGENCIES.

2. AUSTRIA STRONG FOR COMPREHENSIVE DELIBERATIVE CONFERENCE IN 1979. WHILE SOME SMALL SUPPORT FORTH-COMING, MOST DELEGATIONS PREFER UK PROPOSAL TO EXPLORE WITH COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING SPACE IN ITS PLANNED CONFERENCE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT. FRG, CZECH, EGYPT, US, SWEDEN, FRANCE, BRAZIL, AND OTHERS TOOK THIS VIEW. US ALSO WARNED AGAINST DELIBERATIVE CONFERENCE WHICH COULD NOT POSSIBLY DEVELOP DEPTH OF INQUIRY NECESSARY TO REACH WISE DECISIONS. US ALSO OBJECTED TO LINE IN INDIAN WORKING PAPER ALLEDGING INCREASING GAP BETWEEN ADVANCED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS DUE TO SPACE APPLICATIONS, CITING INTER ALIA COMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC AND PERCENTAGE OF INTELSAT VOTING STRENGTH ACHIEVED BY LDCS. OTHERS SUPPORTED THIS VIEW.

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3. NUMEROUS DELEGATIONS OBJECTED TO INDIAN ASSUMPTION
OF SUPPORT FOR A NEW SPACE AGENCY.

4. PROBABLE RESULTS WILL BE PARAGRAPH SUPPORTING
INQUIRY TO COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR
COMBINED CONFERENCE EFFORT AND PARAGRAPH LOOKING TO
STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COORDINATION OF SPACE
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